



Northern Tier Acquisition, Ashburnham, MA

LWCF Funding Assistance: \$450,000

Stretching the LWCF Dollar

Ashburnham and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts used \$450,000 in LWCF funds to leverage an additional \$675,000 and conserve 460 acres of forest lands along the New Hampshire border. The land provides public access for long-distance hiking, links several other conservation lands, and protects the water quality of the Millers River and preserves archaeologically sensitive sites once used by the “Harvard Shakers”.



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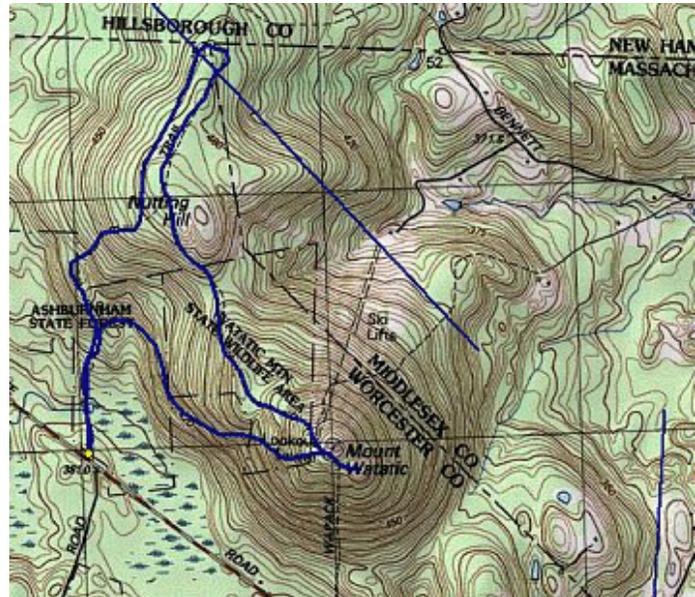


Project

Mt. Watatic Acquisition, Massachusetts

LWCF Funding Assistance \$784,000

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through its Departments of Conservation and Recreation and Fisheries & Wildlife, joined Ashby Land Trust and the Ashburnham Conservation Trust to match the LWCF grant. The 280-acre acquisition protects scenic views from Mt. Watatic's bald summit, wetlands and ponds and offers hiking, bird/butterfly migration viewing, hunting and skiing. The former owners of the property had proposed construction of a cell tower near the summit, which raised concerns at the local and state levels.



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